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## Letter from John Bidwell to John Muir, 1880 Jun 21.

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Rancho Chico,  
June 21, 1880.

My Dear Muir  
your kind letter  
to Mrs Bidwell, I opened  
by mistake; but I have  
forwarded same to her at  
Washington, D.C. when  
she arrived three weeks ago  
and a little more - no, a little  
less. She will be delighted,  
and, I hope, be able to explain  
about the Polygonum &c  
But it is my turn now,

having been misled by your  
lecture in which, with a meek-  
ness and innocence indescri-  
ble, you acknowledged your-  
self out of the beaten track,  
but proclaimed your intention  
to continue therein - or rather  
thereout - by saying you  
were the happiest man living  
&c !! So you were caught,  
ha? Of course you were!  
and surrendered too - at  
discretion, of course. Well,  
I congratulate you, and  
welcome your return to  
civilization, and wish you  
every felicity - and remain  
Very Truly Yours  
John Bidwell

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